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Graham and His Evangelistic Team Close Record Campaign and Leave for East

Followers of the record eight-week revival, led in the huge tent at Washington Blvd. and Hill St. by Dr. Billy Graham, dynamic young preacher, last night folded the 6500 chairs and started removal of the "canvas cathedral."

With an estimated 450 Protestant evangelical ministers on the speaker's platform, Dr. Graham closed the unprecedented downtown revival campaign with his 65th sermon at the 3 p.m. service.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham, Cliff Barrows, song leader, and his wife, organist, announced they were taking the Santa Fe Super Chief immediately to Minneapolis. Dr. Graham heads Northwestern Schools there. It involves a Bible

school, seminary and liberal arts college.

The evangelist urged the estimated 11,000 persons at the service to attend a church of their choice last night rather than see the party off at Union Station as many had planned.

Request to Pastors

In his message, he called on pastors of the several hundred Los Angeles churches who co-sponsored the revival to continue the campaign with the prayerful support of their congregations.

"The revival that started here won't end with the folding of this tent," he declared. "I have in my pocket a telegram from the Philadelphia Presbytery that 125 pastors there are praying that this campaign will launch a nationwide revival," he said. "Many thought apostasy too deep. But I think that the Church of God will be revived and thousands of sinners will be saved." He recalled the great Welsh revival which swept England and other similar religious moves that saved Christian nations.

'Revival Will Come'

"This is not it yet," he asserted, "but revival will come. We need the realization of the need for revival."

Before closing his final message, Dr. Graham announced that complete, audited accounts of campaign receipts and expenses will

be published as soon as possible. He proclaimed that his evangelistic team, consisting of Barrows, himself and G. Beverly Shea, radio singer, is insistent upon honest

stewardship in order that revival campaign critics will have no well-founded criticism of Christian efforts.

With the clacking of folding

MEETING'S OVER—Part of large audience in tent at Washington Blvd. and Hill St. waves farewell to Dr.

Billy Graham at the close of his 65th sermon here. The revival was attended by 350,000, its followers estimated.

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wood chairs and the striking of the tent, officials of Christ for Greater Los Angeles, a cosponsor of the revival, cited statistics. An estimated more than 3000 persons

professed conversion while thousands more rededicated their lives to Christ. Total attendance figures were set at more than 350,000.

